

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES P. NUSSMAN

Lieutenant Colonel Pat Nussman was born 17 Jan 1963 and is a native of Charlotte, NC. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1986 through AFROTC Georgia Tech, with a Bachelor degree in Computer Information Systems. Lieutenant Colonel Nussman completed Helicopter Undergraduate Pilot Training at Ft Rucker, AL in March 1988. Upon graduation he was assigned to Det 10, 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at F. E. Warren AFB, WY, flying the UH-1N. While there, Lt Nussman was the Chief of Scheduling and logged 24 saves as an Aircraft Commander. He quickly upgraded to Instructor Pilot and was promoted to Captain in December 1990.

In August 1991 Lieutenant Colonel Nussman was assigned to the 58th Military Airlift Squadron at Ramstein AB, GE again flying the UH-1N. His primary mission while assigned in Germany was DV airlift throughout the European Theater. He upgraded to Evaluator Pilot and was the 58th Military Airlift Squadron Pilot of the Year for 1992. In June of 1992 he attended Squadron Officer School

In September 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Nussman was selected for the MH-53 transition at Kirtland AFB, NM. After completing his MH-53 transition he was assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, FL. During his time at the 20th, he held the positions of Mobility Officer, Executive Officer and Squadron Section Commander, and participated in special operations exercises and contingencies throughout CONUS and OCONUS. He was upgraded to Instructor Pilot in 1996. In August 1996 he attended the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course at MCAS Yuma, AZ. In August 1997, Lieutenant Colonel Nussman moved over to the 18th Flight Test Squadron and was selected to be the Test Director for the newest version of the MH-53, the MH-53M PAVE LOW IV, IDAS/MATT. As Test Director he oversaw all system development as well as trained the initial cadre for the MH-53M. In April 1998, Lieutenant Colonel Nussman PCS'd to the 31st Special Operations Squadron at OSAN AB, ROK where he was the Assistant Director of Operations. While at the 31 SOS, he was upgraded to Evaluator Pilot, promoted to Major, and was named the Pilot of the Year for the 353rd Special Operations Group.

In April 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Nussman returned to Hurlburt Field and was assigned to the Air Force Special Operations Squadron (AFSOC) as the Chief of Weapons and Tactics. While in this position, he was the leading force behind the stand up of the Special Operation Weapons School, a division of the US Air Force Weapons School. He completed Air Command Staff College by correspondence in 2004. In January 2002, he took over as the AFSOC Chief of Personnel Recovery. While in this position he was part of the consolidation efforts of all Air Force CSAR forces under AFSOC. In Feb 2003 he pinned on the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After his time at HQ AFSOC, Lieutenant Colonel Nussman in June 2003 was selected to move to the 551st Special Operations Squadron at Kirtland. AFB, NM as

the Assistant Director of Operations. In Aug 2004 he became the Chief of Safety for the 58th Special Operations Wing and then in Jan 2005 came back to the 551 SOS as the Operations Officer. He has held is current position as Commander for the 551st Special Operations Squadron at Kirtland AFB, NM since Feb 2005.

Lieutenant Colonel Nussman is a senior pilot with over 3,300 hours in the UH-1H UH-1N, TH-53A, MH-53J, and MH-53M. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal,.

Lieutenant Colonel Nussman is married to the former Jodi Lin Priest of Pensacola, FL. They have three children, Jesse, Amy and Joshua.